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TITLE: Thermotherapeutic apparatus for

moxibustion and massage,

senses acupuncture points from data

input by user, and

applies horizontal, vertical and

lateral movements to

user patient's body

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## **BASIC-ABSTRACT:**

NOVELTY - The inventive thermotherapeutic apparatus senses therapy point

positions suitable for a user according to their height data input, and

provides horizontal, vertical and lateral vibrating motions. By combining

these with a 'seesaw' movement of the thermotherapeutic finger pressure

devices, the apparatus provides moxibustion and massage effects. In addition,

by sensing individual finger and massage pressures at all acupuncture points,

therapy may be applied at uniform pressure irrespective of the degree of

bending or straightness of the user's body. When the user wishes to control

finger pressures independently, the apparatus is able to respond accordingly.

When the user selects an automatic or 'abdomen' mode, the apparatus may be

selectively controlled in time, pressure, position, etc.

USE - To provide thermotherapeutic treatment by computing/detecting acupuncture points according to a patient user's body height, irrespective of the extent of body bending/position.

ADVANTAGE - Accommodates patient users of different heights, such parameter determining acupuncture point positions, also accommodating

variable degrees of bending of the patient's spinal column, the inventive system applying appropriate pressures to allow for uneveness of the patient's body back area, and thus avoid causing pain, also allowing for users having different body weights, such variability affecting the benefits of the applied massage finger pressures, the system generally enabling therapy to be applied in various automatically-controlled operations.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The drawing shows a schematic block diagram illustrating a first preferred embodiment of the inventive thermotherapeutic apparatus.

Thermotherapeutic bed for patient 40

Finger-pressure devices for providing therapy/massage to user!s acupuncture points 41

Controller for 110

Therapy application device. 120

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ACUPUNCTURE POINT DATA INPUT
USER APPLY HORIZONTAL VERTICAL LATERAL MOVEMENT
USER PATIENT BODY

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